

Reply to Office Action of March 3, 2003

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, last line, as follows:

A/ Herein, the "steric parameters Es and B1" are parameters indicative of the steric bulkiness of a substituent (in detail, Es and B1 indicate three-dimensional extent and two-dimensional extent, respectively) and are determined by the method described in literature [C. Hansch and A. Leo: "Exploring QSAR Fundamentals and Applications in Chemistry and Biology" Chapter 3 (ACS Professional Reference Book, Washington, DC (1995))]. It is indicated that the smaller the value of Es is, the larger the three dimensional extent is, and the larger the value of B1 is, the larger the two dimensional extent ~~is,~~ is.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 11, as follows:

A/ The vinyl compounds (I) in which a carbon atom excluding the carbon atom at 3-position has no branched structure are preferable. Herein, the branched structure means that the molecular skeleton is not straight chain structure and the structure has a skeleton branched ~~through~~ through a tertiary or quaternary carbon. Specific examples of such a vinyl compounds (I) include 3-methyl-1-butene, 3-methyl-1-pentene, 3,3-dimethyl-1-butene and the like.